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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NEW APPOINTED GOI OFFICIALS

1. GOI HAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TWO NEW OFFICIALS TO IRANIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT HONG KONG. BIOGRAPHIC RESUMES FOLLOW FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. DR. MOHAMMAD ALI RASHTI, 58 YEARS OLD, HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG. DR. RASHTI HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM TEHRAN UNIVERSITY, M.A. AND PH.D. IN SOCIOLOGY FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HE HAS HAD A LONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE, WORKING WITH UNICEF IN INDIA AND THE UN INFORMATION OFFICE IN TEHRAN. HE ALSO SERVED ON SEVERAL IRANIAN UN DELEGATIONS IN THE 1950S. HE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE IRAN NOVIN(GOVERNMENT) PARTY AND SUBSEQUENTLY MEMBER OF LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FROM YAZD 1963-1975. SINCE HIS ELECTION DEFEAT LAST YEAR, HE HAS BEEN ANTICIPATING AN OVERSEAS APPOINTMENT. HE AND HIS AMERICAN WIFE, JULIE, SEEM PLEASED AT THE PROSPECT OF BEING POSTED TO HONG KONG. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

3. RASHTI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE CONSIDERS HIS ASSIGNMENT PRIMARILY A LISTENING POST FOR REPORTING ON PRC AFFAIRS. HE HAS MANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE U.S. AND HAS BEEN A HELPFUL CONTACT AND FRIEND OF A SERIES OF EMBOFFS AT THIS POST.

4. ANOTHER NEW MEMBER OF GOI STAFF WILL BE MARYAM DAFTARY, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CHINESE AFFAIRS, MFA, SINCE 1971.

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ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD, SHE HAS B.A. FROM WESTERN COLLEGE

(OXFORD, OHIO), M.A. FROM UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO(BOULDER)  
AND PH.D. FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS(AUSTIN). HER DOCTORAL  
DISSERTATION DEALT WITH EFFORTS THROUGH 1968 TO BRING PRC  
INTO THE UN. DAFTARY WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO DR. HASSAN  
ARSANJANI, FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(AND LAND REFORM  
LEADER) WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.  
THEY WERE DIVORCED FOLLOWING A BRIEF MARRIAGE, DURING WHICH  
TIME SHE LIVED IN ROME AND SIMULANEOUSLY WAS A STUDENT IN THE U.S.  
THEY HAVE A SON, NOW 11 YEARS OLD. DR. ARSANJANI DIED IN 1969.  
SHE TAUGHT POLITICAL SCIENCE AT WESTERN COLLEGE 1969-1971.  
DAFTARY IS ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS AND HAS USUALLY BEEN  
RESPONSIVE TO EMBASSY INQUIRIES.  
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